



Inmate Visiting Rules

Connecticut Department of Correction

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All persons entering into a correctional institution for the purpose of visiting an inmate are entitled to do so in a safe and respectful environment. Therefore, the following rules shall apply to all visitors and inmates without exception. Violation of any rule may be considered grounds for denial or termination of a visit. The Department reserves the right to take further administrative or legal action as the circumstances warrant:

All visitors to Connecticut Correction Institutions are required to pass security inspection by passing through metal detectors to gain entry. Failure to successfully pass inspection shall be grounds for denial of entry to a correctional institution.

In accordance with Section 18-81v of the Connecticut General Statutes, any visitor who activates a walk-through metal detector shall be given the opportunity to submit to a search with a portable or hand-held metal detector in order to gain entrance into the correctional institution. If the visitor consents to a search with a portable or hand-held metal detector, the visitor shall be escorted by a correction officer of the same sex to a separate room, restroom or other private location within the correctional institution, where the visitor shall first remove any object or article of clothing that activated the walk-through metal detector and then submit to a portable or hand-held metal detector search. If the portable or hand-held metal detector is not activated during such search, the visitor shall be allowed to reapply the object or article of clothing that activated the walk-through metal detector before exiting the separate room, restroom or other private location where the portable or hand-held metal detector search is conducted and shall be allowed to enter the correctional institution. If the portable or hand-held metal detector is activated during such search, the visitor shall be escorted out of the correctional institution.

1. The following are examples of items that may cause a visitor to be unable to clear the metal detectors: undergarments (with metal); shoes/boots; pins; jewelry; belts; hair clips/ornaments; body piercings; and metal surgically implanted in the body for medical purposes.

It is important to consider the above prior to visiting a correctional institution to avoid the possibility of being denied visiting privileges. In cases where (h) above applies, a medical certificate shall be required for verification purposes.

2. Visits shall be conducted in a quiet, orderly and dignified manner. Yelling, loud talking or use of profanity during visits is prohibited.
3. Visitors shall not deliver any items to inmates or other visitors during the course of the visit.
4. Proper attire is required. Revealing, seductive, offensive clothing or attire that may present a safety and/or security risk may result in a visitor being denied access to or being removed from the visiting room.
5. Children younger than 18 years of age shall be accompanied by an authorized adult immediate family member on the approved visiting list, legal guardian or an adult properly authorized by the Department of Children and Families and remain under adult supervision at all times.
6. No children shall be left unattended anywhere on institutional grounds including the visiting waiting room.
7. All visitors shall wait in the designated waiting room.
8. All correctional institutions are smoke free.
9. Visitors who appear to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol shall not be permitted to sign-up or visit and may be reported to the police.
10. Visitors and inmates shall remain seated at all times during the visit unless otherwise directed or approved by a staff member.
11. A brief embrace and kiss at the beginning and end of a visit between an inmate and a visitor is allowed, however excessive intimacy, including inappropriate kissing, hugging or fondling, is strictly prohibited.
12. No personal items are permitted in the visiting room, including pocketbooks, coats, paper, food, beepers, cell phones, etc., visitors may secure personal items at their own risk in the lockers provided. The Department shall not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to any items stored in the lockers or left anywhere on institutional property. Staff shall not retain or take custody of any personal property belonging to a visitor.
13. Visiting space is limited, visits shall be signed-up on a first come first serve basis.
14. Visitors shall be present when the visit is called or it shall be canceled.
15. Visitors who leave the visiting room during a visit shall not be allowed to reenter and the visit shall be terminated.
16. Visitors shall sign-up at least 15 minutes before the visiting session begins in accordance with the posted schedule.
17. Children shall be included toward the number of visitors allowed in the visiting room.
18. Visitors shall be responsible for the conduct of any person accompanying them to a correctional institution. Violations of rules of these persons may subject the visitor to removal from the visiting list.
19. In accordance with Sections 53a-174 through 53a-174b of the Connecticut General Statutes, conveying, passing or causing to be conveyed or passed any controlled drug, intoxicating liquor, firearm, weapon, dangerous instrument or explosive, United States currency, or any rope, ladder or other instrument or device for use in making, attempting or aiding an escape is a crime. Any person not authorized by law who conveys into a correctional facility any letter or other missive which is intended for any person confined therein, or who conveys from within the enclosure to the outside of such facility any letter or other missive written or given by any person confined therein is a crime. Any person not authorized by the Commissioner of Correction or the commissioner's designee who (1) conveys or possesses with intent to convey an electronic wireless communication device to any inmate of a correctional institution while such inmate is in such institution, or (2) uses an electronic wireless communication device to take a photographic or digital image in a correctional institution is a crime. Violators shall be prosecuted.

Visit Termination: A single visit, or all visits, may be canceled, denied or terminated by a supervisor at any time that institutional security requires. Termination may occur due to reasonable belief that the continuation of the visit could jeopardize safety and order.